The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University invites you to attend a Workshop presentation by

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who will speak on

"The Zunghars: A Hidden Asian Genocide of the Eighteenth Century"

FRIDAY
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12 NOON-1:30 PM

ROOM LB-608
The George Rudé Seminar Room

RICHARD PILKINGTON is a MIGS Graduate Research Fellow and M.A. student in the Department of History at Concordia University. His recent article, in the Macmillan *Encyclopaedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*, revealed the eighteenth-century Chinese massacre of some 180,000 Zunghar Central-Asian nomads to the field of genocide studies for the first time. The Zunghar nation developed in the early seventeenth century from nomadic tribes of Western Mongols who had established a homeland astride the modern China-Kazakhstan border. By 1700, the Zunghars had created an empire that included the oasis towns of Eastern Turkestan, and were sufficiently strong to pose a threat to both their Russian and Chinese neighbors. Acting at the behest of their emperor, Chinese armies exterminated at least 180,000 people during the ensuing campaign, representing some thirty percent of the Zunghar population. The workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the theoretical construction of a case for genocide against Qianlong, under the terms of Article II of the current United Nations Genocide Convention.